

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

Vickers, Amil 1 Full Tape + Part of 2nd
Vickers, Steve & Helen Balance of 2nd Tape

VICKERS, AMIL	213	St. Savas 1894
00 Not many Serbs in Sac some 64th Spread all over	217	Church in Sacto belongs to parishioners, not diocese
12 Women canneries, men S.P. shops 1910's	238	They use Syrian camp in Frazier Park instead of St. Savas
20 Father Trebinje, mother Nicšić	248	Organizations, United Slavonic Alliance, Sokol (see Zornjak-Dir) World's Fair in S.F., Blato, Korčula, Am-Slavic Hall - mid 50's, joint picnics, going to build Slavic hall
30 Vickers Mkt. - Alhambra + S - 1938 Details	320	Serb parish organized 1952 Vidovdan 6/28/1389 (Kosovo) Folklore + nationalism
46 Again, no central location of pop.	355	SNF (Sveza's Federation)
55 D.P. camps sent people, family sep. More Serbs now than ever	370	Sjedinnje Slav D of D - mostly Cro. Disbanded 1982 - disbursed remaining funds among 35 members left
74 Serbian nationalism	390	Last Pres, Joe Antisovich
80 Politics, religion, church	408	Family history, name changes
84 1963 schism in church 39-62 bishop (only one in West Hem.) in America ran things his way	427	Am-Slav Hall @ 200 + members, some Serbs, etc.
105 War + post-war prevented church from dealing with problems	270	Kolo group Radinich, ref to Cossich Cossichs Chaffless coffee 3 Bros. - Croatian
130 Bishop, deal, politics	500	Saveza (Serb) Zajednica (Cro) 1st Serb Ben. Soc. S.F. Own Kolma Cem.
173 About 1/3 are schismatic 1977 Free S.O. church of U.S. + Canada They have St. Sava's in Jackson, but they're trying to play neutral \$4 mill in legal fees so far		

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| 525 | Business details @ church on Sunset | 795 | Ecumenical Council (785)
Rome was furthest away
1064 break patriarch of Constantinople was 1st among equals, mutual excommunication. Just recently (-16/18) years mutually forgave the excommunications |
| 545 | 20-25 thousand pop.
20 to 1 ratio Cro to Serb | | |
| 555 | United Slav men's + women's societies
Big in Am-Slav, ladies lodge
Still going | 909 | No local cemetery |
| | | 00 | New tape |
| 570 | 1952 - 25 people most D.P.'s
Organized parish | 05 | Odbrana - Serb National Defense
Remnant of groups who went back to help fight the Austrians |
| 580 | Cro. Cath. Ch. 17 + T
Bishop gave them a priest
Am-Slav looking for a hall
Didn't want religious connotation
Sell that lot for hall but it'd already sold, would have given them property near CSUS but would have been named after a saint, so they didn't get anything | 17 | Kumovi - many kinds, must have Kum to be baptized, one Kum for all occasions, can't intermarry with Kum's family in the old days
"proxy Kums"
Slava - Saint Day in S.O. church christianized by Greek missionaries
Patron saint of family |
| 645 | High school across stree caused vandalism problems
(Sold \$225K cash) | 73 | Slava procedure |
| | | 80 | Serbian identity - all Serbs have a Slava |
| 680 | 150 church members, 90 live more than an hour from Sac
Hold a membership, send dues, get bulletin | 100 | Local organizations (Jednote = 90% Ličan)
50/80 Ortho/Cath in Lika
Most massacres in WW II |
| 710 | Local businesses | 140 | Čovič, Corinich both were WW I volunteers fighting Austrians
Čovič was Hrvat |
| 728 | Religion + marriage, orthodox religious services same but for languages, share some services
Orthodoxy unchanging
Church history | 150 | More organizations - Ljubica club
Mostly Am. born like a sorority members |

Amil Vickers and Steve & Helen Vickers

- 185 Druids had a Cro.
president
- 200 Building the church
- 213 John Filcich, national
culture
John wasn't a D.P. or
a refugee
- 245 Church politics
- END
- VICKERS (VUKAJOVICH)
STEVE & HELEN
- 301 Steve 1/8/1895 to
U.S. 6/1913 Montana
to Cal. 3/22/1927
(Jackson)
Cousin in Jackson
Lunch - Rosemont Grill,
George Lucich
Raised close to
Dubrovnik
- She - Vučorovic, Helen
Nicsiĉ (Montenegro)
7/1/1894
Great Falls, Montana
visit uncle
Married 7/1/1919
Changed name to
Vickers for business
- 460 Family + relatives
- 470 To Sac 4/17/1938
Strike caused them to
move, 'cause he didn't
take sides
- 499 Mostly Croatians,
organized club,
parish, etc.
Slavonic Hall Associa-
tion
Serbs + Croats together
2nd Serbian Defense
Start church instead
Details of buying church
Church was prot. before -
Holy Rollers?
- 573 Organized '52
Bought land '58
United Slavs Club
Bishop said there were
non-Catholics so they
couldn't do it + never
saw the money, separated
post-war D.P.'s separatists
- 610 Massacres in WW II
Pope Gregory 1054
- 630 Businesses/more church bus.
Vickers mkt.
- 682 Farm at 4448 Edison Avenue
- 700 Kumovi, responsibilities
- 730 Serbian history + Montenegro
1862 Father took to the hills
came down in 1878 when
Austria took over
Spoke Italian, trans to
Spanish, got Mexican
trade
Business dropped 75%
during strike
Ladies in cannery work,
Libby, DelMonte,
Richards
- END TAPE